

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A knob assembly for use with hot cooking utensils, comprising:
 - a hand graspable metallic knob;
 - a metallic bezel having a predetermined area size for the knob;
 - a first heat insulating separator located between the knob and the bezel; and
 - a second heat insulating separator between the bezel and cooking utensil to which the knob assembly is to be attached, the second heat insulating separator having a substantially solid, non-open body and having an area size substantially matching said predetermined area size of the metallic bezel.
2. **(Currently Amended)** The knob assembly of claim 1, in which the ~~first and second separators are disks~~ separator is disk-shaped.
3. **(Original)** The knob assembly of claim 2, in which the first disk includes a ledge on which the knob rests without contacting either the bezel or the cooking utensil.
4. **(Currently Amended)** The knob assembly of claim 1, in which the bezel has a ~~footprint~~ size larger than a corresponding ~~foot print~~ size of the knob.
5. **(Original)** The knob assembly of claim 2, in which the bezel defines a well dimensioned to fittingly receive the first disk.
6. **(Original)** The knob assembly of claim 1, including a screw assembly for interlocking the knob, the bezel and the first and second separators.

7. **(Original)** The knob assembly of claim 1, in which the knob, the bezel, and the first and second separators have circular peripheral shapes.

8. **(Original)** The knob assembly of claim 2, in which the knob assembly is so assembled that only the knob and a peripheral region of the bezel are visible when the knob assembly is attached to the cooking utensil.

9. **(Original)** The knob assembly of claim 2, in which the first and second separators are constructed of a heat conduction and heat radiation retarding synthetic material.

10. **(Original)** The knob assembly of claim 9, in which the material is nylon.

11. **(Original)** The knob assembly of claim 2, in which each of the bezel and the first and second disks includes a respective hole for the passage therethrough of a screw that is coupled with the knob.

12. **(Original)** The knob assembly of claim 2, in which the knob has an outer surface that is bright colored.

13. **(Original)** The knob assembly of claim 2, in which the knob has the shape of an inverted cup with a base that has a larger diametrical size than that of a skirt-shaped body of the knob.

14. **(Original)** The knob assembly of claim 2, in combination with a pot lid.

15. **(Original)** The knob assembly of claim 14, including a bolt of the pot lid and at least one hole in the disks and in the bezel for the bolt to reach the knob and to be fastened thereto.